

This Week

Monday—Celebrate Recovery —7 pm

Friday—Frozen for Chosen 300 Polar Bear Plunge Branchwood Park—1PM

Next Sunday — Guest Preacher Dan Emr—Worthwhile Wear



EVENTS

Sunday, January 10, 2021—Parent-Child Dedication

Saturday, March 6, 2021—Youth Frolic

“We thank you O’God! We give thanks because you are near. People everywhere tell of your mighty miracles”. Psalm 75:1

This year’s Live Nativity was filled with God’s miracles that could not have happened without you! We thank the entire congregation for their prayers, assistance, and participation in bringing our neighbors together to restore HOPE during these times. We appreciate the volunteers who braved the frigid temperatures to be Nativity characters, served over 150 cups of hot chocolate, gave away goodie bags, HOPE cups, candy cane poems, and oversaw the live animals. A special thanks to those behind the scenes that assisted in setting up and cleaning up after event. We pray that those who experienced the hospitality of our congregation will come to know the New Born King, Jesus, on a personal level.

Thank you again for answering the call to be BOLD disciples!

Franconia Live Nativity Organizational Team

Last Week’s Attendance:

BFG— 159

In-Person Worship—247

Online Worship—192

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**FRANCONIA
MENNONITE
CHURCH**

December 27, 2020

Worship 10:15am

Worship with us

"I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever." Psalm 145:1

Prelude—Jon Eastburn

Welcome & Opening—Bronwen Leister

Singing and Worship—Laura & Alana Bergey and Music Team

Congregational Prayer—Rod Hunsberger

Announcements—Pastor Kyle Rodgers

Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading — Psalm 145 —Linda Landis

Meditation—Sounds of the Season—Pastor Josh Meyer

Favorite Carols —Pastor Mark & Monique Kratz

Closing—Sending

Postlude

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
AVAILABLE



Led by the Holy Spirit, we are an Anabaptist congregation committed to following Jesus in all things, so that God's love flows through us to our community and the world.



*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12*

Pray God's blessings upon...

- ◆ persons dealing with isolation and loneliness.
- ◆ Chinese Christians who are being persecuted for their faith.
- ◆ recipients of the Christmas Eve service offerings.
- ◆ the homeless in our communities during these cold winter days.
- ◆ persons struggling financially during this pandemic.
- ◆ Christian camps as they work to continue their ministries during these uncertain times.

Pray for God's grace, comfort, and healing for...

- **Bill Freed** who has returned home from the hospital after treatment for Covid.

- **Nancy Leatherman** who continues to be cared for at Silver Stream Nursing & Rehab Center, 905 Penllyn Pike, Lower Gwynedd Township, PA 19002

**NURSERY
MINISTRY**

The Nursery for two-year-olds and under is open for parents to use at their discretion. At this time there is no staffing for the Nursery, so parents must remain with their children during their time there.



From the Leadership Team

As a temporary measure, everyone is required to wear a face-covering over nose & mouth at all times inside the church building, except for young children and physically distant leaders upfront.

FMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

Larry Diener, Pastor of Community Life
Bronwen Leister, Director of Children's Ministry
Kyle Rodgers, Pastor of Outreach & Youth
Helen Eastburn, Director of Music and Worship

Scott Kratz, Young Adult Ministry Leader
Josh Meyer, Pastor of Discipling & Preaching
Mark Wenger, Pastor of Administration & Team Leader

FOLLOWING JESUS NEWSLETTER

~ DECEMBER 27, 2020 ~

Church Board

Budget: On Thursday, December 17th, an email was sent out containing a ballot from the Church Board to review and affirm the 2021 budget. This ballot closes on December 31st.

BOUNDLESS
HOSEA
LOVE

January 10 Inspired and Cohesive: God's Enduring Love
January 17 Sin and Idolatry: Gods' Faithful Love
January 24 Chastised and Restored: Gods' Redeeming Love
January 31 Repentance and Healing: God's Boundless Love

Youth Highlights

Girls Club

See you in January 2021

Girls Club Contact: Tracy Landis
traybay1@yahoo.com

Boys Club

January 13—Model Rocket build 6:30—8:00pm

Boys Club Contact: Jordan Nyce
jordannyce@gmail.com

Jr. High — 6th-8th Grade

January 6th—Fun Night

January 10th—Earl Bowl

Jr. High Contact: Renita Leatherman
drleath5@verizon.net

Sr. High — 9th-12th Grade

See you in January 2021

Sr. High Contact: Pastor Kyle
KRodgers@FranconiaMennonite.org

Young Adult Highlights

Stay Tuned

Contact for Young Adults: Scott Kratz
215-803-2835 / sckratz@yahoo.com

Liberia Partnership Projects

End of Year Donations

Coconut Farm—\$ 3,533

Christian Education—\$ 7,533

Church Building Completion—\$ 11,233



YEAR-END GIVING

- You are welcome to participate in the Christmas Eve offering projects of Salvation Army Foster Care & Mennonite Disaster Service PA Farmers.
- Any of our Partners in Missions.
- Please submit all donations for designated giving projects or the general fund by **Thursday December 31**.



The latest Newsletter from Brandon Bergey family is available via link in the

December 23rd Midweek Newsletter. Please contact the church office if you would like a hard copy.



2021 Church Offering Envelopes are here. They are available for pick-up at the church office during business hours.

The church mailboxes are available for your use. A-H are located toward the 113 side and K-Z are closest to the outdoor playground.

Pastor Larry is on vacation from December 18-30th. Please contact Pastor Mark or Phil Anders with pastoral needs.



Applications are now being accepted to **The Barnabas Fund**. This fund provides financial support for programs and projects which serve to extend the mission and the ministries of the congregation.

Any individual member or committee within the church may make a request for a grant. Applications are available on the website under ministries, mid-week email, or by contacting the church office. Requests will be accepted through February 1, with approval for distributions made by March 1, 2021.*

Barnabas Fund Committee: Mark Bergey-chair, Al Driver, Jeff Godshall, Jen Landis, Josh Meyer, Tricia Bergey.

*New projects will take priority over previously funded projects.


SUPPORTING PHILADELPHIA'S HOMELESS


On any given day, approximately 7,500 people are experiencing homelessness in the city of Philadelphia. While local shelters provide housing, many are not able to also provide physical nourishment. That is where Chosen 300 comes in. Since 1996, Chosen 300 has stood in the gap by serving over 150,000 meals to persons experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in the city of Philadelphia each year. Over 115 churches and organizations in the Philadelphia region supports Chosen300. Chosen 300 relies on private gifts from individuals, private companies, churches and organizations to maintain its mission work in Philadelphia and around the world.


Funds raised from the Polar Bear Plunge will go directly to support the many programs offered by Chosen 300®. Those efforts include:


- Serving over 3,000 meals each week.
- Job readiness programs
- Reading, PA meal program launching in 2021
- New overnight personal care facility in 2021

FOR MORE INFO:

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REGISTER & DONATE EARLY

Visit chosen300.org to donate or to register in advance. Your sponsors or any one making a pledge on your behalf can use this links as well!

CHALLENGE!

Make sure to challenge your friends & family to take the plunge & raise pledges or just donate \$100! See insert for more information!



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JANUARY 1, 2021

BRANCHWOOD PARK • TELFORD, PA
939-987 Camp Road • Telford, PA 18969

If you're **TAKING THE PLUNGE** at the park, arrive at 11:30 AM.
Official Plunge Time: 12:00 PM.

If you're doing the **ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE** join us on ZOOM at 11:30am. Meeting ID 810-469-9228

Tag us in you video on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.

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